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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MAKINO ET AL.

Examiner

XIAO M. WU

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 12 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawakami et al. (US Patent No. 4,380,008) in view of Miyazawa (US Patent No. 5,731,794).

As to claims 11, 13, Kawakami discloses a liquid crystal display device comprising: an matrix panel; a liquid crystal having spontaneous polarization, sealed in the matrix panel; and a writing/erasing unit (Fig. 12) for displaying an image on a frame by frame basis by repeating a data writing processing (e.g. selected state, half-selected selected as shown in Fig. 9) and a data erasing process (e.g. erasing state as shown in Fig. 9) for the matrix panel; wherein one frame time comprises a period of the data writing process, a period of the data erasing process and a

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period during which neither the data writing process nor the data erasing process is performed (e.g. the non-selected state as shown in Fig. 9).

It is noted that Kawakami does not disclose that the liquid crystal display is an active matrix type display. However, it is well known in the art that the liquid crystal display could be an active matrix display (e.g. each display element is controlled by a TFT switch) such as taught by Miyazawa (see Fig. 11). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified Kawakami with the features of the active matrix display as taught by Miyazawa because the matrix type LCD and the active matrix type LCD are alternative for each other.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 12 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 4/4/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the portion of Kawakami that are cited by the Examiner, however, fail to teach or suggest the timing features of in the present invention relating to the period where neither data writing nor erasing is performed (the non-operation period") or the one time frame that includes all of a writing period, an erasing period, and anon-operation period.. these arguments are not persuasive. As shown in Fig. 9, a pixel (cross section of electrode X and Y) is driven by a wave form in different periods. The driving period includes a selected state period, half-select state period (i.e., writing period as in the claims); a non-selected state period (i.e., the

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non-operation period); and a erasing state period. Because each of the pixels is driven within a frame period (e.g. a time period required to scan all pixel), each of pixels is driven within a frame period including the selected state period, half-selected period, a non-selected period and a erasing state period. It is believed that the claimed limitations are met by the prior art references.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **XIAO M. WU** whose telephone number is **571 272-7761**. The examiner can normally be reached on **6:30 am to 4:00 pm**.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **PATRICK EDOUARD**, can be reached on **571 272-7603**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **703-872-9306**.

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